

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Thomas D. Homan  
Acting Director  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 12th St., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20536

**RE: Immigration and Customs Enforcement detentions in Southern California**

Dear Acting Director Homan:

I request information on the operational raids conducted by agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Southern California. According to reports in the *Los Angeles Times*, over 100 arrests have been made by immigration agents in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

These operations are among a series of anti-immigrant actions taken by the Trump Administration which could undermine public safety efforts that require close cooperation between the affected communities and law enforcement. Operational raids do not enhance safety. Instead, they foster fear and create mistrust throughout immigrant communities, separate families and violate the due process protections of individuals.

In 2014, following guidance from President Obama, the secretaries of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Justice completed a rigorous review to announce new executive actions. While not ideal, the review and its announcement including specific memos to field staff, was detailed and transparent. The executive order, "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States," was issued unilaterally by President Trump without an inclusive review, input from the men and women charged with implementing the policies, stakeholders and Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle.

Because none of this information was made public, please provide a list of memos sent to field staff at ICE that provide detailed instruction and guidance, including the use of prosecutorial discretion, on how to implement the order. For example, under the Obama Administration, all ICE officers and agents were provided a briefing and pocket card listing out specific enforcement priorities so they knew exactly who to arrest; the worst of the worst. ICE should be held accountable at all levels for the humane treatment of people in their custody and those they choose to go after. I will continue to fight to keep families together.

Please provide the following information surrounding these recent operations:

- Whether officers and agents were provided clear guidance;
- Whether officers have a pocket card listing specific enforcement priorities;
- Who determines whether an individual is a priority for detention;

- A summary on the daily operations your agency has undertaken in Los Angeles in the past week;
- The number of personnel and agents that have been used in these raids;
- A cost estimate per search or seizure that your agents have executed including the number of hours undertaken by personnel during the execution of these raids;
- A list of equipment, including firearms, that have been used by your agents to execute this operation;
- A direct list of the names of the individuals who have been, or are currently detained, the location of where they were apprehended, the specific facilities where they are being held, and how many have criminal records which would subject them to deportation under the criteria used by the Obama Administration;
- Names of local governments in Southern California in which your operations have taken place in the past week, including cities located in California's 44<sup>th</sup> Congressional district—Carson, Long Beach, Lynwood, South Gate, San Pedro, Watts, Wilmington;
- Names of individuals, of those who have been detained, who have been allowed access to legal representation prior to detention, and during detention;
- Detailed plans of upcoming raids in Southern California.

I look forward to a prompt and comprehensive response. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Truong in my office at (202) 225-8220 and [Amanda.Truong@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amanda.Truong@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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